

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship

February 25, 2009 • Visalia Convention Center (New Location) • 9:00 a.m.

The Tenth Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009, in the Exhibit Hall of the **Visalia Convention Center** at 303 E. Acequia in downtown Visalia. At this time, a record-breaking 103 public and private schools in Tulare County are sending two competitors and up to two alternates to the competition. The spellers, who are fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2009 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 26-28, 2009.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* annually partner to sponsor the event. “The Tulare County Spelling Championship is every bit as exciting as the National Bee, enjoyed by millions of Americans on television. Again this year, one talented Tulare County speller will be crowned “Spelling Champion” and represent our county at the national competition in Washington, D.C.,” says Jim Vidak.

The Tulare County Spelling Championship is open to the public. For more information, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer at 733-6606.

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